

**REMARKS**

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims 41-82, 84 and 85 for examination in the instant application. This election is made without traverse.

Non-elected claim 83 has been canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, applicants' rights to prosecute the subject matter thereof in an appropriate divisional application.


Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #01033149927).

Respectfully submitted,

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